

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 66

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PIKE.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.020 and 337.029, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the professional registration of psychologists.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 337.020 and 337.029, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 337.020 and 337.029, to read as follows:

337.020. 1. Each person desiring to obtain a license, whether temporary, provisional or permanent, as a psychologist shall make application to the committee upon such forms and in such manner as may be prescribed by the committee and shall pay the required application fee. The form shall include a statement that the applicant has completed two hours of suicide assessment, referral, treatment, and management training that meets the guidelines developed by the committee. ~~[The committee shall not charge an application fee until such time that the application has been approved. In the event that an application is denied or rejected, no application fee shall be charged.]~~ The application fee shall not be refundable. Each application shall contain a statement that it is made under oath or affirmation and that its representations are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the application, subject to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.

2. Each applicant, whether for temporary, provisional or permanent licensure, shall submit evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant is at least twenty-one years of age, is of good moral character, and meets the appropriate educational requirements as set forth in either section 337.021 or 337.025, or is qualified for licensure without examination pursuant to section 337.029. In determining the acceptability of the applicant's qualifications, the

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 committee may require evidence that it deems reasonable and proper, in accordance with law,
18 and the applicant shall furnish the evidence in the manner required by the committee.

19 3. The committee with assistance from the division shall issue a permanent license to
20 and register as a psychologist any applicant who, in addition to having fulfilled the other
21 requirements of sections 337.010 to 337.090, passes the examination for professional practice
22 in psychology and such other examinations in psychology which may be adopted by the
23 committee, except that an applicant fulfilling the requirement of section 337.029 shall upon
24 successful completion of the jurisprudence examination and completion of the oral examination
25 be permanently licensed without having to retake the examination for professional practice in
26 psychology.

27 4. The committee, with assistance from the division, shall issue a provisional license to,
28 and register as being a provisionally licensed psychologist, any applicant who is a graduate of
29 a recognized educational institution with a doctoral degree in psychology as defined in section
30 337.025, and who otherwise meets all requirements to become a licensed psychologist, except
31 for passage of the national and state licensing exams, oral examination and completion of the
32 required period of postdegree supervised experience as specified in subsection 2 of section
33 337.025.

34 5. A provisional license issued pursuant to subsection 4 of this section shall only
35 authorize and permit the applicant to render those psychological services which are under the
36 supervision and the full professional responsibility and control of such person's postdoctoral
37 degree licensed supervisor. A provisional license shall automatically terminate upon issuance
38 of a permanent license, upon a finding of cause to discipline after notice and hearing pursuant
39 to section 337.035, upon the expiration of one year from the date of issuance whichever event
40 first occurs, or upon termination of supervision by the licensed supervisor. The provisional
41 license may be renewed after one year with a maximum issuance of two years total per
42 provisional licensee. The committee by rule shall provide procedures for exceptions and
43 variances from the requirement of a maximum issuance of two years due to vacations, illness,
44 pregnancy and other good causes.

45 6. The committee, with assistance from the division, shall immediately issue a temporary
46 license to any applicant for licensure either by reciprocity pursuant to section 337.029, or by
47 endorsement of the score from the examination for professional practice in psychology upon
48 receipt of an application for such licensure and upon proof that the applicant is either licensed
49 as a psychologist in another jurisdiction, is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional
50 Psychology, or is a member of the National Register of Health Services Providers in Psychology.

51 7. A temporary license issued pursuant to subsection 6 of this section shall authorize the
52 applicant to practice psychology in this state, the same as if a permanent license had been issued.

53 Such temporary license shall be issued without payment of an additional fee and shall remain in
54 full force and effect until the earlier of the following events:

55 (1) A permanent license has been issued to the applicant following successful completion
56 of the jurisprudence examination and the oral interview examination;

57 (2) In cases where the committee has found the applicant ineligible for licensure and no
58 appeal has been taken to the administrative hearing commission, then at the expiration of such
59 appeal time; or

60 (3) In cases where the committee has found the applicant ineligible for licensure and the
61 applicant has taken an appeal to the administrative hearing commission and the administrative
62 hearing commission has also found the applicant ineligible, then upon the rendition by the
63 administrative hearing commission of its findings of fact and conclusions of law to such effect.

64 8. Written and oral examinations pursuant to sections 337.010 to 337.090 shall be
65 administered by the committee at least twice each year to any applicant who meets the
66 educational requirements set forth in either section 337.021 or 337.025 or to any applicant who
67 is seeking licensure either by reciprocity pursuant to section 337.029, or by endorsement of the
68 score from the examination of professional practice in psychology. The committee shall examine
69 in the areas of professional knowledge, techniques and applications, research and its
70 interpretation, professional affairs, ethics, and Missouri law and regulations governing the
71 practice of psychology. The committee may use, in whole or in part, the examination for
72 professional practice in psychology national examination in psychology or such other national
73 examination in psychology which may be available.

74 9. If an applicant fails any examination, the applicant shall be permitted to take a
75 subsequent examination, upon the payment of an additional reexamination fee. This
76 reexamination fee shall not be refundable.

337.029. 1. A psychologist licensed in another jurisdiction who has had no violations
2 and no suspensions and no revocation of a license to practice psychology in any jurisdiction may
3 receive a license in Missouri, provided the psychologist passes a written examination on
4 Missouri laws and regulations governing the practice of psychology and meets one of the
5 following criteria:

6 (1) Is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology;

7 (2) Is a member of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology;

8 ~~[(3) Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another jurisdiction who is then~~
9 ~~a signatory to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's reciprocity agreement;~~

10 ~~———(4)]~~ (3) Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another state, territory of
11 the United States, or the District of Columbia and:

12 (a) Has a doctoral degree in psychology from a program accredited, or provisionally
13 accredited, either by the American Psychological Association or the Psychological Clinical
14 Science Accreditation System, or that meets the requirements as set forth in subdivision (3) of
15 subsection 3 of section 337.025;

16 (b) Has been licensed for the preceding five years; and

17 (c) Has had no disciplinary action taken against the license for the preceding five years;
18 or

19 ~~[(5)]~~ (4) Holds a current certificate of professional qualification (CPQ) issued by the
20 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).

21 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, applicants may be
22 required to pass an oral examination as adopted by the committee.

23 3. A psychologist who receives a license for the practice of psychology in the state of
24 Missouri on the basis of reciprocity as listed in subsection 1 of this section or by endorsement
25 of the score from the examination of professional practice in psychology score will also be
26 eligible for and shall receive certification from the committee as a health service provider if the
27 psychologist meets one or more of the following criteria:

28 (1) Is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology in one or more of
29 the specialties recognized by the American Board of Professional Psychology as pertaining to
30 health service delivery;

31 (2) Is a member of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; or

32 (3) Has completed or obtained through education, training, or experience the requisite
33 knowledge comparable to that which is required pursuant to section 337.033.

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